

forever cherished in the hearts of the many people he touched throughout his life. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to Mike's family and friends, especially his wife, five sons, and eight grandchildren, by whom he will be greatly missed.

REMEMBERING GENE GREENE

**HON. TONY CÁRDENAS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 14, 2018*

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of one of my constituents, Gene Greene.

Gene will be remembered as an icon of our community. As a Landscape Architect and Director of the Japanese Garden in Van Nuys, California, Mr. Greene oversaw the beautiful garden since its dedication in 1984, where he personally set the final 28 stones. Thanks to his work, The Garden has been published in several books, websites, and television programs. The Los Angeles Times once characterized the Japanese Garden as "Gene's Garden" because of his strong connection to the land.

A humble and generous man, Gene was known for giving credit and not taking it. He always commended the volunteers and docents for their roles in making the Japanese Garden such an iconic landmark of Los Angeles. Everything he did was a true testament of his love for his work, his family, and the community he served.

Gene dedicated his life to public service. He started his career as an intern for the Los Angeles City government before proudly serving in the U.S. Army, where he earned a National Defense Service Medal. Gene was an Eagle Scout, and he credits the training he received there with helping him become an expert rifleman in the military.

Gene attended the California State Polytechnic University at Pomona where he majored in Landscape Architecture. His gift for design and architecture led him to the Bureau of Engineering in the City of Los Angeles. There, he was assigned to work with Dr. Koichi Kawana, lead project architect of the Japanese Garden.

Gene is a fixture of the community and his legacy will never be forgotten. With his dedication to his work and family, Gene will continue inspiring generations of Angelenos. My prayers go to his wife Lynn, his four daughters, and his five grandchildren.

TRIBUTE TO CONNIE AND BOB  
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**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 14, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Connie and Bob Jorgensen of Avoca, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on July 6, 1968 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca, Iowa.

Connie and Bob's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.